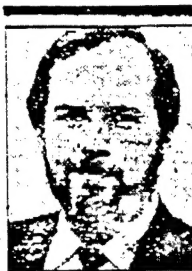


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What is a lifestyle issue? The FBI didn't want to say, but no doubt they mean nasty marital relationships, other domestic miseries and homosexuality.



**Jim
Dwyer**

October 24, 1991

Mr. Donald Forst
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Dear Mr. Forst:

I have had an opportunity to read "A Long Path of Ugly Lies" by Jim Dwyer appearing in the October 16th edition of your publication. I would like to correct some inaccurate impressions left by Mr. Dwyer's article regarding the FBI's participation in the confirmation process.

Mr. Dwyer states that "every scrap of public litter left by Clarence Thomas" could be found at FBI Headquarters. The inference appears to be that the FBI's primary function during the background investigation process was to collect and act as a repository for gossip, innuendo, and hearsay concerning the nominee. As was made known to Mr. Dwyer, the FBI asks specific questions of the nominee's employer(s), references, social acquaintances, neighbors, and others. The purpose of these questions is to allow the client agency to make a valid determination as to the individual's suitability for the position. The FBI's goal is not to amass public "trash," but rather to provide the facts upon which a suitability determination can be made.

Following an explanation of how the FBI handles derogatory information concerning a nominee, Mr. Dwyer states that "Much of this same digging was done on Anita Hill.... It did not come up with a single indication that the woman had any psychological problems." Through inference, Mr. Dwyer seems to be stating that the FBI was utilized on a partisan basis to find information to attack Professor Hill's credibility. This was not the case. The investigation conducted during the hearings

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Mr. Donald Forst

Upon completion, the results of our inquiry were submitted to the White House and, I understand, were shared with all Committee members.

I hope this information will clarify the FBI's role in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

TF
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